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TWENTIETH STREET.

MAKE NO MISTAKE.

The Attitude of the Council Toward the Fire System.

SHOULD BE NO RETROGRADATION.

The Extension of the Paid Department Should Not Involve a Curtailing of its Usefulness and Efficiency—Hold on to the Hook and Ladder Truck and Keep it Ready for Use.

The paid fire department of Rock Island is an institution in which the Argus has always taken unusual interest and pride. A champion of the improvement long before the innovation was seriously contemplated, and a steady unceasing advocate of it when opposition was strong in the minds of a large portion of the taxpayers, THE ARGUS has witnessed the successful inauguration and operation of the system which has placed Rock Island abreast with other cities of its class. It is but natural, therefore, that this paper should deplore the establishment of any theory, which, while looking to much needed extension of the department, would on the other hand surely impair and handicap the general usefulness and efficiency of the department, if it would not indeed be in the nature after all, of a retrograde movement. Having been the steadfast friend of the paid department from the first, it would not be one part of THE ARGUS to advocate any measure pertaining to the department that did look to its best interests. Its position has been in striking contrast with that of the morning paper, which has been the unrelenting foe of the improvement right along, and there should be no stronger argument that the city is making a mistake in its proposed plan in cutting off the hook and ladder truck than in the industrious manner in which the Union is commending such a course—indeed the first instance in the department's history where any words of commendation have come from that source.

Many expressions have been heard by business men opposing the plan of holding the hook and ladder truck for second alarms. While there is no doubt whatever that the companies in the east and west ends, equipped with wagons capable of carrying 48-foot extension ladders, would be sufficiently provided to cope with all ordinary fires in the business district, the hook and ladder truck should always be the first apparatus to respond. There may not be one fire in 50 where the truck will be needed, but in that one exception the omission may amount to more of a loss than in all the other fires put together, and more.

THE ARGUS does not regard the plan so far proposed as practicable. Our paid department has been well organized, and so far it has been a credit to the city, and those who established it, in which connection the names of ex-Alders Larkin and Knox, who presented the first ordinance looking to its establishment, and the name of Ald. Coker who has always been its steady friend, will be identified with one of the city's most progressive moves. The present council should not undo any good work that has been done.

THE ARGUS believes it would be a serious mistake, that the council would afterward regret, to in any way dismantle the hook and ladder truck, and it hopes the council will reconsider its action with reference to such a policy.

Mortuary.
Mrs. M. Donahue, living in South Rock Island, died at 9 o'clock last evening, of cancer of the stomach. She was 63 years old, and leaves her husband to mourn her loss. The funeral will occur at 9 o'clock Monday morning.

Nellie, the 3-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael O'Connell, died at her home, 234 Forty-sixth street, at 12 o'clock yesterday noon of membranous croup. The funeral was held from the late residence at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Mrs. Sarah Corson, of Milan, died at her son's home in that place this morning, of paralysis of the bowels. She was 78 years of age, and was born in Erie county, Pennsylvania. She had been a resident of Rock Island county for 34 years. She leaves three sons and one daughter, as follows: S. E. L. Burrows and F. B. Corson and Mrs. Elizabeth Ails. The funeral will occur at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, with interment at Chippianock.

Anton Ruth died at his home, in South Rock Island, at 2:15 yesterday afternoon, of inflammation of the brain, aged 63 years, 11 months and 22 days. He came to America from Germany in 1865, and had lived in Rock Island county 21 years. He leaves a wife and two children, Charles Ruth, of Rock Island, and Mrs. Bangart, of South Rock Island, and an adopted daughter, Emma Ruth. The funeral will be held at 9 a. m. Monday from St. Mary's church.

The Weather Forecast.
Generally cloudy weather, with occasional light rains; stationary temperature today, colder Sunday, southerly winds, becoming westerly.
F. J. WALK, Observer.

Rheumatism originates in the morbid condition of the blood. Hood's Sarsaparilla cures rheumatism. Get only Hood's.

RAILROAD RACKET.

The Steel Required for Next Year's Construction—General News.

An estimate has been made on what appears to be pretty good authority that 2,000,000 tons of steel will be required next year, for standard-gauge requirements alone. The requirements for street railways cannot be more than guessed at, but they will apparently be very largely in excess of the limits heretofore reached. There is a stronger disposition among railway authorities to enter upon railway construction than appears on the surface, or in print. Careful inquiry shows that there is more mileage contemplated than is given out to the public. Whether much more railroad will be built next year is a matter which cannot be determined for some time yet. Conditions are ripening for a great deal of new railroad work, not only in the region west of the Mississippi, but in the Gulf and lake states.

The Railroad Brothers.
Grand Chief Arthur, of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, has held that position for 17 years. His salary is \$5,000 a year and expenses. E. E. Clark, grand chief of the Order of Railway Conductors, receives \$5,000 a year and his expenses. Grand Master Sargent, of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, receives \$4,000 a year and expenses. Grand Chief Wilkerson, of the Brotherhood of Trainmen, \$4,000 a year and his expenses. D. G. Ramsay, grand chief of the Order of Telegraphers, receives \$3,500 a year and his expenses. John Wilson, grand chief of the Switchmen's Mutual Aid association, \$2,500 a year and expenses. All of which goes to prove that the position of grand chief is something of a sinecure.

Heard by the Tie-Walker.
Locomotive 246 is in the Chicago shops for repairs.

Passenger Agent Shoemaker, of the B. & O., was in the city yesterday.

There will be a slight change in the Milwaukee time table Sunday.

The new sand house at the C. & R. I. & P. round house has been started.

The 191 went to Horton, Kas., yesterday, after being rebuilt at Chicago.

The 498 and 492 are out of the Blue Island shops, after undergoing repairs.

Switch engine 13 is out of the Davenport shops, after undergoing general repairs.

The tunnel at the C. & R. I. & P. is now completed, and a cinder floor is being put in.

That new time card anticipated on the Rock Island does not go into effect tomorrow.

W. H. Bowker of the "Q." offices, is laying off on account of the sickness of his wife.

Engine 356, of the Rock Island, Engineer George Scott, is in the Davenport shops for repairs.

Robert Keppler, traveling passenger agent of the Nickel Plate, was in Rock Island last evening.

Auditor R. H. Hudson is back at his desk in the Peoria offices, after a few days' tussle with the grippie.

Thomas Bambrick of Orion, has been working at B. A. Spaulding's desk during the latter's tussle with the grippie.

General Freight and Passenger Agent Robert Stockhouse of the Peoria, left for Chicago last evening on business.

A change in the time table on the "Q." will affect the Sterling trains some. The change will probably take effect Sunday.

Engineer Harry Horn, of the 145, is laying off with a lame back, and Jack Daly is guiding the 145 over the road in his stead.

Night Yardmaster P. Curtin, of the C. & R. I. & P., has resigned his position, and George Carter has been appointed in his place.

Freight train 36, leaving Rock Island at 3:30 p. m., on the Rock Island, will hereafter carry passengers between this city and Bureau.

Thomas Greene has accepted a position as watchman in the C. & R. I. & P. yards, in order to prevent the wholesale hauling of coal from the yards.

Conductor J. C. Cummins of the Milwaukee, is at San Francisco, attending the conductors' convention, and Conductor J. P. Carrigan is still running his train.

P. Greenawald's smiling face is seen in the Peoria offices these days, working at Charles Lippincott's place. Mr. Lippincott, after being taken to his home in Orion, suffered with a relapse, and is now reported as very sick with typhoid fever.

Engines 822 and 808, from Goodland, Kan., are now running on the Illinois division on passenger trains 3 and 4, of the C. & R. I. & P. The 808 is James Griffin's old engine, but on this division it is being run now by H. Broadhead, and the 822 by William Weber.

Attention, Buford Post.
All comrades of Buford post are commanded to be present at our next meeting, Tuesday, Dec. 12. Special business and nomination of officers for the ensuing year. By order of Wm. McConachie, Commander. Wm. A. Norris, Adj.

Hard and Soft Coal Market.
The best in the market and at lowest prices for December delivery, at T. H. Ellis.

DUPED A BOY.

A Confidence Man Beats a Lad Out of \$25.

GIVES HIM A WORTHLESS CHECK.

Martin Vondixon Meets a Man on a Train and is Taken in by Him—The Only Reason He Didn't Get More Was Because He Didn't Ask.

Martin Vondixon, a lad about 17 or 18 years old, while coming in on a train from Cedar Rapids yesterday, became acquainted with a fellow-passenger of winning appearance, to say nothing of his powers as a linguist. The boy's journey ended in Davenport and the man's in Rock Island, but it seems that before they parted in Davenport the boy said he was in search of work, and the good (?) man told him to call upon him at the Rock Island house, and he would give him a position. This morning, bright and early, the boy called at the Rock Island house, and finding the man, the two proceeded up toward the Harper house. When on the steps of the hotel the man turned to the boy, and in a very sociable manner said:

"Say, have you any money?"

"Yes, sir; I have \$25," said the boy.

"Well give it to me, and take this check back to the Rock Island house and have it cashed."

The boy promptly gave him the money, and took the check to the latter place to cash it. When he opened it and found it was for \$5, and was drawn on Cummings & Co., Des Moines, and endorsed by John Brown & Co. The check, of course, was worthless, and upon being informed of this, the lad went to the Harper house, but the bird had flown, and with him the \$25.

Tells His Troubles to the Police.

The boy then proceeded to the police station, and told Chief Sexton and Officer Etzel, of the manner in which he had been duped, and search for the man was at once made, but he could not be found. Officer Etzel questioned the boy closely, and was made acquainted with the facts. One question was asked, upon the officer seeing the boy's watch still in his possession, as follows:

"How does it happen you didn't give him your watch?"

"Why, he didn't ask me for that."

"Would you have given it to him if he had asked you?"

"Yes, I guess I would."

So from all appearances it seems that the boy was so soft that had the man asked him for his clothes he would have in all probability given them to him.

The confidence man is described as being of medium height and build, black full beard, black stiff hat, blue eyes, blue pants with black stripes, and gray overcoat. So far no trace of him can be found. The police of Davenport have been notified, however, and are on the lookout for him.

Other Police News.
William O'Brien was held in \$1,000 bonds to appear before the January term of court, by Magistrate Schroeder yesterday afternoon, for attempting to take Johnny Jones' life. Looney & Kelly appear for the defense, and State's Attorney Searle for the prosecution.

Louis Hetter and Arthur Hurwig, two young boys, were detected in the act of stealing pigeons from Dan Kane, and he took them in custody and turned them over to the police. This morning Squire Schroeder bound Hurwig over in \$50 bonds, and young Hetter being too young was let go. These boys are the ones who have been doing all the pigeon stealing lately.

Theatrical.

Lillian Kennedy presented her comedy-drama, "She Couldn't Marry Three," to a fair sized audience at Harper's theatre last evening. The production contains many elements of merit, and Miss Kennedy does very well in the leading role, and the support last evening was passable.

Mr. Whiteside comes to this city Monday in Shakespeare's tragedy, "Othello." His acting is quiet, suggestive, and when the occasion demands power, he sways his audience with the richness and strength of his voice. With a rare intuition he quickly perceived the folly of imitation, and the absurdity of rant. He modeled his impersonation on the line of natural acting. His judgment proved sound, for his work has been received beyond expectation, thus linking his name as Booth's successor.

Curious Effects of a Slight Hurt.

Alfred Cook, who was hurt in the railway accident near Marshallfield, is still in a precarious state. He is still delirious and also totally blind from the blow on his head, the only external mark of which is a bruise about as large as a quarter. He imagines that he is still under the car and continually pleads that his companion (who was but slightly hurt) be taken out quickly. "He is worse hurt than I am, and I can wait," is the constant cry which shows the nature of the man. He thinks they have been under the car three weeks and protests against the delay and darkness, which he attributes to bad management on the part of the railroad company. He does not realize that he is blind and frequently asks why lanterns are not procured. At times he imagines the car is settling down upon him and struggles to hold it up until he sinks back exhausted. At such times he has to be held in bed. *—Milwaukee Journal.*

COLLEGE CULLINGS.

The Present Term at Augustana and When It Closes—Notes.

The present term closes Thursday, Dec. 21. The spring term opens Jan. 10, 1894, with appropriate exercises in college chapel. At least 100 new students are expected to be present at the opening. This will swell the annual enrollment to something over 500. Dr. Olsson will in all probability visit Des Moines, Stanton and other cities in Iowa during the vacation.

Prof. Bersell is still very low, but is said to be recovering slowly.

The executive committee from the board of trustees will meet next Friday, when calls to fill the chairs of Greek and Swedish will be issued. These calls will be but temporary, as the synod's constitution requires that all professorships in the college and seminary shall be filled by that body at its annual meeting. This meeting occurs at St. Peter, Minn., next June, when the above calls will in all probability be confirmed and the professors so called, made permanent. A meeting of all the members of the board of trustees will take place on Jan. 16, 1894, when a general revision of the course will be proposed to that body. That this will mark one of the most important epochs in the history of the college, is very evident.

Rev. Dr. Sward, president of the synod, held preliminary entrance examination with the junior members of the seminary last Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The examination resulted in the full admission to membership of all the applicants, and the enrollment in the seminary now numbers nearly 60.

Christmas Festival.

The lyceum will give a Christmas festival in the college chapel Wednesday evening, Dec. 20, when the following excellent program will be rendered:

Organ Solo..... Frank Johnson
Song..... I'll Be Home Again
Piano Solo..... Miss Anna Westman
Recitation..... P. of Griffin
Vocal Solo..... A. E. Wilson
Dialogue (to be arranged by)..... Otto A. Olson
Song..... Grand Chorus
Reading of Christmas Story (Luke 2:1-2)
Pastor's Prayer..... Carl J. Sorenson
Gospel..... Frank Johnson
and a song..... Clara A. Wardell
Song..... Grand Chorus
Admission free. All are cordially welcome.

THE ARGUS is pleased to learn of the success of Prof. J. E. Gustus at Augustana Business college. In addition to having built up a flourishing commercial school, the professor has now organized an evening school in business branches, which has an enrollment of 50 students. There are hundreds of young men all over the country who have attained prominent positions in life by attending just such schools. A practical education is of the greatest value, no matter what may be the avocation of its possessor.

THE TESTING MACHINE.

Strenuous Efforts to Locate One at Rock Island Arsenal.

Strenuous efforts are being made at Washington to secure the location at Rock Island arsenal of the government testing machine for tension and compression for government and industrial uses. A bill has been introduced in the senate for the appropriation of \$250,000 for the purchase and installation of this apparatus. This machine is a costly and complex apparatus for the testing of the strength of various substances and materials, either under pull, suspended strain, or pressure. It is used by the government very extensively. All iron, brick and stone, with other materials used in naval, artillery, ordnance or other construction, are put through tests of these kinds. Beside the uses the government makes of the machine it is intended to be open to the testing of materials for private individuals and firms. Samples of paving bricks are easily tested, and the number of pounds per square inch required to crush them is accurately registered. Timbers that are expected to carry great strains in bridges and buildings are tested in the same manner. Iron I-beams, columns, building stones, rods and braces, etc., to the end of an interminable list, all are meat for the testing machine.

What It Will Measure.

There are a number of small machines of this sort in existence and use in this country, but none, it is understood, as large or efficient as this one proposed for the arsenal. Even the smallest of these machines is built to special order, a fact that greatly increases its cost, which would be much less for any single apparatus if it were only one of many such turned out at a given shop, instead of being the only one. It will be an easy matter to consume the greater part of a quarter of a million of dollars in the construction and installing of this great machine here. After it is located it will be an added advertisement of the arsenal and the three cities, and will prove to be in many ways well worth having, aside from its usefulness and convenience to the manufacturers located here.

Not to Be Considered.
Mrs. Chungwater (after an unusually spirited engagement)—Josiah, if we can't get along in peace, we'd better separate.

Mr. Chungwater (shaking his head mournfully)—It wouldn't help matters any, Samantha. I can tell you right now you'd never get another man that would endure your cooking as meekly as I do. *—Chicago Tribune.*

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